Yakityak's Better Than Average Mason Jar Cozy

I have no illusions. This will not solve world hunger nor advance the cause of global peace. But it will allow you to carry your coffee about in a hipster-cool mason jar (isn't the world a funny place?) without burning your fingers. If you would like to carry your coffee in a mason jar with a travel-mug style lid, check out www.cuppow.com because they make that contraption for both wide-mouth and regular canning jars. This cozy is better than average because there is double protection against the sleeve slipping off the jar.

This cozy is designed for a 16 oz. mason jar.

Materials:

- one fat eighth (or equivalent scrap) of quilting cotton
- 4.5" of strapping or sturdy 1"+ grosgrain ribbon
- 2.5" hook and loop tape (e.g. Velcro)
- a scrap of quilt batting or thermal batting (e.g. Insulbrite)
- matching thread
- fabric puffy paint

Directions: all seam allowances are ¼"

1. Cut quilting cotton into two pieces 12" X 4" each. Cut the batting to one rectangle also 12" X 4".
2. You are going to make a "sandwich". The batting is on the bottom. Lay one of the cotton rectangles on top of the batting with the RIGHT SIDE UP. Ultimately you will lay the second piece of cotton on top of the first cotton RIGHT SIDE DOWN… but not just yet! You need to sandwich the strap first.
3. Strap placement:
    a. Choose which long side of your fabric will be the bottom. From the left-most short edge, measure in 4" and place one cut end of your strap centered over this mark, perpendicular, extending slightly past the long raw edge of the fabric. Pin securely. (See photo.)
    b. Measuring 9.25" from the left-most short edge, place a second marker and, making sure the strap is not twisted, pin the other raw edge of the strap centered on this mark, also perpendicular and

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extending a bit past the long raw edge of the fabric. This will cause your sandwich to bend around a bit, but you should still be able to sew it.

(Please ignore the fact that my sandwich has only 2 layers in the photo. I found it too hard to photograph it clearly with 3. Also, the little extra lip on the strap allows you to tug it perfectly perpendicular while you are sewing.)

c. Make sure that your strap is forming an upside-down U shape and that it lies on top of the sandwich rather than away from the sandwich.

4. Now, lay that last piece of fabric on top of the batting/fabric/strap combo so that all raw edges are aligned. Yes, this is a bit awkward because the strap is forcing the material to curve. But trust me, it is not difficult to sew. Personally I find it easier to NOT pin that top fabric in place, but rather simply hold it in the proper position by hand and let it hang loose below where you are sewing and only controlling the edges as it comes up to the needle. This "loosey-goosey" technique allows you to do a visual check and adjustment of the strap while you sew.
5. Sew around on 3 sides, 2 long and one short. Use a ¼" SA. Check the strap placement as you sew to make sure it doesn't shift. The strap needs to be absolutely perpendicular to the side of the rectangle. This is slightly complicated due to the strap pulling the rectangle around, but if you go slowly and carefully it's really not a big deal.
6. Trim the corners.
7. Pull the cozy right side out through the unsewn end. Press well, making sure all edges and corners are pushed out. You should now have a rectangle that is pulled into a curve by the strap. (See photo.)
8. Carefully tuck in a ¼" seam allowance on the unsewn end so that all raw edges are enclosed and press well. (See photo.)

9. Edge stitch all the way around the rectangle, making sure to secure the tucked in seam allowances on the short edge that hadn't been sewn.
10. Attach the Velcro closure. If it is wide, cut your 2.5" of hook and loop tape down the middle lengthwise so that you wind up with a long narrow rectangle of tape. (You now have enough hook and loop for a second cozy, so go make one for a friend!) Place the hook tape facing inward and the loop tape facing outward for the lowest aggravation factor. Sew them down just inside the edge stitching so that the ends of the rectangles overlap around the jar and it is snug without pulling apart.

11. Apply fabric puffy paint for added grip on the inside of the cozy. Doodle or draw exquisite geometric designs or whatever floats your boat on the inside of the cozy. If it comes off in the wash, reapply.
12. Slap it on your jar, and go!

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